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**FOR: IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY, IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY MEMBER,
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND OIL PUMP ROTOR**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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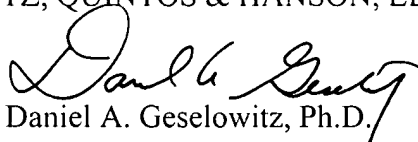
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